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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. CAMBODIA: POMPIDOU'S PEKING TRIP

EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT CAMBODIA WILL CERTAINLY BE AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED BY POMPIDOU WITH PRC LEADERS, AND THAT FRANCE WILL SET FORTH ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF AN EARLY, NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. THE FRENCH WILL ALSO TRY TO CORRECT A PRIOR IMPRESSION REPORTED TO THEM BY THE PRC THAT THE US HAD PROPOSED THAT BOTH SIHANOUK AND LON NOL LEAVE THE SCENE. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 23625, 9/6 (EXDIS).

### 2. MASF TO MAP IS NOT FOR VIETNAM

A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF CONVERTING TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) FROM MILITARY ASSISTANCE,  
SECRET

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SERVICE FUNDED (MASF) BY EMBASSY SAIGON EMPHASIZES THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF KEEPING MASF, AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE EMBASSY STRESSES THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF US OBJECTIVES IN VIETNAM WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IF WE WERE CONFINED BY THE CONSTRAINTS OF MAP. SUCH A

MOVE MIGHT EVEN ENCOURAGE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO MOUNT

ANOTHER MAJOR OFFENSIVE. (SECRET) SAIGON 15960, 9/6  
(EXDIS).

3. SAUDI ARABIA TO KEEP ON PUMPING

IN REPLY TO A LETTER FROM SECRETARY ROGERS, PRINCE FAHD,  
THE SAUDI MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, GAVE ASSURANCES THAT  
SAUDI ARABIA DOES NOT INTEND TO STOP PUMPING PETROLEUM,  
AND THAT INSTABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST NEED NOT HINDER  
RELATIONS TO ANY GREAT EXTENT. (SECRET) JIDDA 3844, 9/6  
(EXDIS).

4. NIMAIRI REGIME FACES SERIOUS THREAT

THE PRESENT RAILWAY STRIKE IN THE SUDAN CAN QUICKLY  
BECOME ECONOMICALLY CRIPPLING, AND POSES A SERIOUS  
THREAT TO PRESIDENT NIMAIRI. ALTHOUGH THE ARMY AP-  
PEARS LOYAL, WHETHER THE THREAT ONLY WEAKENS THE  
REGIME OR SUCCEEDS IN OVERTURNING IT DEPENDS UPON  
NIMAIRI'S ACTIONS DURING A BRIEF GRACE PERIOD FOL-  
LOWING HIS RETURN TO KHARTOUM. (SECRET) KHARTOUM  
1991, 9/6.

5. KIM TAE-CHNG CASE

A. JAPAN WANTS RESOLUTION...

A HIGH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD  
CHARGE SHOESMITH IN TOKYO THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION OF  
THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE WHICH WOULD AVOID A "SERIOUS"  
JAPANESE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEM WOULD INCLUDE:  
PUBLICATION BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT (ROKG) OF THE RE-  
SULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION WHICH SHOWED "UNAUTHORIZED"  
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ACTS BY ROKG PERSONNEL; AN APOLOGY TO THE JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT; PUNISHMENT OF THE CULPRITS; AND RELEASE OF  
KIM TO TRAVEL AS HE WISHES. UNLESS RESOLVED SOON, THE  
CASE COULD ULTIMATELY AFFECT THE JAPANESE AID PROGRAM  
FOR KOREA; IT WILL NOT, HOWEVER, AFFECT JAPANESE CO-  
OPERATION ON THE KOREA ITEM IN THE UNGA. (SECRET)  
TOKYO 11478, 9/6 (EXDIS).

B. ...BUT KOREA NOT MOVING FORWARD

AMBASSADOR HABIB IN SEOUL REPORTS THAT KOREAN PRIME  
MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL INDICATED TO HIM THAT THERE  
WOULD BE NO IMMEDIATE PROGRESS ON THE RESOLUTION OF  
THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE. THE ROKG DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH  
EVIDENCE YET TO LAY THE BLAME ON LOW-LEVEL OFFICIALS

AND THE PRIME MINISTER SHOWED NO INDICATION THAT THE ROKG WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER KIM TAE-CHUNG'S FREE TRAVEL ABROAD. THE PRIME MINISTER RECOGNIZES THE UNFAVORABLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CASE FOR KOREAN-JAPANESE RELATIONS, BUT HE STATED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING FORWARD MOVEMENT CANNOT BE EXPECTED. (CONFIDENTIAL) SEOUL 6055, 9/6 (EXDIS).

6. ESSO TELLS EC OIL PRODUCTION OF MAJORS TO STOP IN LIBYA

ESSO OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET THAT OIL PRODUCTION OF THE MAJORS IN LIBYA WILL STOP AND INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED NOT TO LOAD ESSO CRUDE ON A TANKER DUE IN TRIPOLI SEPT. 6. SIMONET TOLD ESSO THAT EC MEMBERS MUST SUPPORT THE MAJORS IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO NATIONALIZATION OR FACE HIGHER PRICES AND MARKET UNCERTAINTY. (CONFIDENTIAL) EC BRUSSELS 5056, 9/6.

7. POPPY BAN PERIL SEEN IN TURKISH POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

TURKEY'S TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES ARE RESPONDING TO PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO THE 1971 POPPY BAN. EMBASSY ANKARA BELIEVES THE CAMPAIGN ORATORY SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TOO SECRET

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LIGHTLY AND FORSEES PRESSURE FOR MORE AID FROM THE US AND A POSSIBLE PARTIAL RESCISION OF THE POPPY BAN BY A NEW GOVERNMENT. (SECRET) ANKARA 7015, 9/5. RUSH

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